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SUBJECT: FOREIGN LAWS ON QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS

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1. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL (A) AS
FOLLOWS:

A. YES. ARTICLES 155-158 OF CRIMINAL CODE DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH BRIBERY, INCLUDING PROVISION OF REASONABLY STIFF PENALTIES. ARTICLE OMITTS WORDS "ABUSE OF OFFICE.". ARTICLE 295 OF SAME CODE DEALS WITH MANIPULATION IN PRICES AND UNLAWFUL SPECULATION, DEFINITION OF WHICH COULD ALSO BE PERTINENT. CAUTIONARY NOTE: THERE IS SOME QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER CRIMINAL CODE IS IN EFFECT. TRANSLATOR (LEGAL ADVISOR TO OMANGOV) HAS NOTED ON FRONTISPICE "BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ENACTED BUT NOT PUBLISHED".

B. NO.

C. FOREIGN BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT LAW OF 1973 REQUIRES THAT ANY FOREIGNER WISHING TO DO BUSINESS IN OMAN HAVE A LOCAL AGENT. THIS IS TRUE FOR PRIVATE SECTOR AS WELL AS FOR ANY FIRM

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WISHING TO DEAL WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

D. NO.

E. NO

F. NONE OTHER THAN CRIMINAL CODE SANCTIONS AGAINST BRIBERY
DISCUSSED ABOVE.

2. AS NOTED IN REFTEL (B), CORRUPTION AND GRAFT ARE NOT UN-
COMMON IN LOCAL CONTEXT, DESPITE PROVISIONS OF CRIMINAL CODE.

3. TEXT OF RELEVANT LAWS OR PORTIONS THEREOF BEING POUCHED
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